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Board of Trade Honors Departing Member

H. F. McDonald Given Parting Gift
—New President Names Members of Committees for 1934

H. F. McDonald, who is leaving soon for High River, was tendered a farewell when he met with his fellow members of the Bassano Board of Trade at a regular session in the Imperial Hotel dining room last Wednesday noon.

After the regular business session Vice Pres. S. H. Edwards made a parting speech and presented Mr. McDonald with a fountain pen and the good wishes of the board.

Mr. McDonald has been a resident of Bassano for eleven years. He has been an active member of the board and has served on many committees where he did good work. He has also taken an active part in church work in Bassano, and for many years has been a member of the board of managers of Knox Presbyterian Church. He is a keen curler and rated as one of the strong skips of the Bassano club. He goes to High River with the best wishes of the board of trade members and his many friends in Bassano.

New Committees Appointed
Thirty-five members turned out for the first meeting conducted by the new board president, H. H. Beeber. Appointed committees for 1934 were named as follows:

Entertainment committee: Dr. A. G. Scott, W. K. Webb and Dr. W. F. Keith.

Parks committee, Geo. S. Warren, J. A. Harris, and M. A. Haynes.

Swimming pool committee, F. Mead, M. R. Milroy, and W. S. Playfair.

Sugar Beet committee, W. McLaws.

Cemetery committee, Dr. B. E. Barlow, A. P. Pierson, and Chas. Hopkins.

Membership committee, D. McLeod, Dr. B. E. Barlow, and A. J. Bartlett.

I. J. Flood was appointed secretary for the fair grounds trustees.

In speaking for the Public Affairs committee Wm. McLaws reported on the matter of the proposal to change certain features of Canadian radio broadcasting.

The changes were suggested by a body in eastern Canada calling themselves a radio broadcasting committee. Their proposals were for the management of Canadian radio broadcasting under a system very similar to that of the Canadian Radio Commission with the exception that no mention was made of radio advertising.

Mr. McLaws reported his committee agreed the Canadian Radio Commission was giving satisfactory service, and made a motion that the board go on record endorsing the commission and its system of radio control.

An amendment by S. H. Edwards and M. A. Haynes that the subject be openly debated at a regular board meeting was lost, and the motion carried.

S. H. Edwards and W. K. Webb moved that a committee investigate the schedule of telephone rentals.

The motion passed and Pres. Beeber informed the board he would take the matter up at once.

GEM NEWS

GEM, Feb. 13—A. Hyrve was elected school trustee at the recent Gem school meeting. He replaces F. Clemens.

Miss A. Sardahl and Miss H. Waltemath have obtained good positions in Calgary and plan to remain there for the present.

E. Warren is enjoying a visit in Gem and giving a helping hand to Stanley Selfridge, who is drilling a new well on the farm.

Ted Wade was a recent business visitor to Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie, who have been enjoying a few weeks' holidays with their son, Sam, and Mrs. Lawrie, of Gem, left a few days ago for Calgary. They have bought a home in the Bowness district and intend to reside there permanently.

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. R. Robson, with Eugene Jones and Miss E. Robson, spent the past few days in Calgary, guests of Mrs. Pollock.

Owing to the bad condition of the road from Blindloss to Bassano, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hughes were unable to attend the funeral of their friend, the late Mrs. C. A. Keeling, of Gem.

Mrs. F. Rumble plans to spend the week-end in Calgary, guest of Mrs. Maguire.

Mrs. Leslie Douglas (a native daughter) attended the oldtimers' re-union held recently at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Jessie Keeling, Gem, were conducted by Canon R. D. Harrison in the Anglican Church last Saturday at 2:00 p.m., with relatives and many friends and neighbors attending.

HUSSAR NEWS

HUSSAR, Feb. 14—The February meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held in the home of Mrs. H. D. Brown, with a banner attendance. After the routine business was disposed of, it was decided to have a St. Valentine's card party at the Rex Cafe on Friday evening, with Miss Anna Hole and Mrs. E. J. Bell in charge. The minister's salary was voted on. Miss Ruth Brown entertained with a beautiful piano solo. A guessing contest was won by Mrs. T. Lawson. A very interesting article on "Beauty for the Middle Aged Woman," was read by Mrs. J. V. Elliott and discussed. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed while the hostesses served a delicious lunch.

A delightful St. Valentine's tea for the brownies was held at the home of Tawny Owl Miss Lois Nelson. A valentine competition aroused very keen interest. Vivian Sanden won the senior prize and Dorothy LeGrandeur the junior prize for best work. A word contest was won by Bernice Janz, senior, and Beryl Hulen, junior group. Mrs. H. E. Rollason was judge for the valentine competition. Miss Lois Nelson gave a most instructive and interesting talk on "Growing Bulbs." Mrs. Nelson then served a dainty "valentine" lunch.

E. G. Paddon, of Calgary, motored down on Saturday, and is visiting at the L. M. Clark home.

The Misses Margaret Bell and Peggy Reeves took part in the afternoon recital of pupils of Mrs. Archbutt Cook and Mr. Grigor Garbovitsky on Saturday. Miss Bell played Sarabande and Prelude (from Holberg's Suite) Greig, and Miss Reeves played Waldstein Sonata, first movement, Beethoven. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bell, C. Kirby, and C. A. Weekes accompanied the young ladies to Calgary. Mrs. F. R. Reeves who also attended the recital, returned home on Monday.

Friends of the Dorovans will be interested to learn that Miss Emma Donovan and Lee Phillips were married recently, and Joe Donovan and Miss Emma Fraser. All the young people are well known and highly esteemed in this community.

W. G. Nelson was elected councillor on Monday. The retiring councillor, E. A. Holland, stood for re-election at the annual meeting held a week ago. The chief matters of discussion at that time were fire protection, mail service, and the assessment. It was recommended that the council stick to the former rate of 13 mills.

The continued mild weather has caused most of the snow in this vicinity to disappear. The roads are bad but not impassable. A shallow sheet of water covers much of Dead Horse lake, which has been practically dry for the past six years. Many small sloughs that have been dry for years are filling.

The local U.F.A. will present the play "Jute Time" in the hall on (continued on page 2)

ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, Feb. 14—Mr. and Mrs. S. Napper were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Eastman enjoyed the company of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maynes and Mary, and Miss Ruth Maynes on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Norton, and LeRoy Gallup motored to Bassano Saturday night.

Mrs. LeRoy Gallup and son returned home from the Bassano Hospital on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stahall were Bassano visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Cyr returned to Brooks on Monday. John is still with Mr. McHale.

Geo. Little is at present visiting at Cockerill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McLeod and family were visitors to Bassano on Saturday.

A dance will be held in Rosemary school on Friday, March 2, under the auspices of the Women's Community Club. A good time and good music; everybody welcome.

Audley McLeod returned home last Friday.

HOUSE DRESS DANCE

The Bassano Women's Institute will hold a house dress dance on Friday, March 2, in the Masonic Community Hall. The dance will be preceded by a whist drive.

Mr. Furlley and his Scarlet Serenaders, of Enchant, will supply the music. This orchestra is said to be very popular in Brooks and other towns where they have played.

In the interests of the Basano W. I. a card party was held at the home of Mrs. S. Edwards on Tuesday afternoon. Six tables of court whist were played. First prize was won by Mrs. H. A. Holmes, and Mrs. Harris Sr. took the consolation.

Stanley Wight Joins R. C. M. Police Force

Following in the footsteps of his father, the late Sergt. Robt. S. Wight, well known officer in the old northwest mounted police and later with the Alberta Provincial Police, Stanley Wight leaves today for Regina, Sas., to enlist with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The young man went to Calgary yesterday with Inspector Bavin, and from Calgary he goes thru to Regina. Stanley, eldest son of Mrs. Robt. S. Wight, is just 19 years of age. He will remain at the barracks in Regina for two years as a bugler, and get the full standing of a police officer at the age of 21.

The late Sergt. Wight was in charge of the Bassano detachment, A. P. P., for many years, and was a member of the R.N.W.M.P. before the organization of the provincial police force.

Friends and old school chums gave Stanley, known to his pals as "Paddy," a farewell in the Oddfellows' Hall Tuesday evening, and presented him with a cigarette tray, case, and lighter as a parting gift. Dr. Barlow made the presentation. The young folks had a jolly evening.

CROWFOOT NEWS

CROWFOOT, Feb. 13—The dance in the Crowfoot school last Friday evening was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Robertson and Mrs. F. Rodbourne spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weeks.

Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Dunlap, and Miss Jean Conner, of Warner, spent the week-end with Miss Lois Conner. A very nice crowd attended the U.F.A. card party and dance in the Makepeace school last Saturday.

Leonard Larson of Redcliff, spent the week-end with Howard Larson. Mr. and Mrs. A. Hallett and family spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Walker.

Miss Ruth Kuchie spent the week-end visiting Miss Doris Holtan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McNeil spent Monday visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Guyatt.

Carl Sykes visited with friends in Couness a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bulger of Mossleigh, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Heryford.

APPEARS IN COURT TODAY

CHARGED WITH BREAK-IN

Angus Taylor, charged with breaking into Roy Smith's garage some weeks ago, will appear in supreme court, Calgary, today, Feb. 15.

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snowfall and its bright, sunny days when outdoor sports such as golf, tennis, and softball were played nearly every week the whole winter thru.

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The whole of western Canada is experiencing the mild weather, and at some points in Alberta the thermometer has been boosted above the 60 degree mark.

Flowers are blooming in Okotoks district, and gardeners are fearful of the danger to their perennials if the warm weather should be followed by severe cold. Trees will also be endangered by a cold snap, as extreme cold will kill a tree in which the sap is beginning to run.

The local broomball team is going to Gem for a game next Sunday if weather turns colder.

The temperature table shows January this year was also a very mild month, the mean temperature being 22.71, the highest since the winter of 1925-26, with the single exception of 1930-31. December this winter went to the other extreme as the coldest in six years.

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RADIO LICENSES DUE
It's just about time to buy a new radio license. The federal license for radio receiving sets is due April 1, and radio owners are reminded to get their licenses early.

Radios are licensed on a flat rate basis of \$2.00 a year, and the post office is the only place where they are on sale.

The federal government has not made a very close check-up on radio licenses in past years, and it is suspected that many set owners have never taken out a license. A more rigid check-up is expected in the future. Penalty for evading the levy is \$60 and costs.

COUNTESS NEWS

COUNTESS, Feb. 14—Mr. and Mrs. J. Newman left this week for British Columbia for a short vacation.

The men of the U.F.A. put on the lunch at the C. C. Club Tuesday evening as a forfeit for losing the membership contest to the ladies.

The dance at the C. C. Club last Friday was well attended and enough money realized to pay all the debt on the new kitchen. The club was congratulated by many for being able to build a large addition to the hall.

J. Mierau left on Monday for Coaldale where he will move his family the last of the month.

Miss Welch will occupy the C.P.R. house which Mr. and Mrs. J. Mierau are now living in.

A community card party will be held in the C. C. Club Friday evening.

A number of the farmers are putting up ice these fine days.

Carl Sykes of Makepeace, was in the district last week visiting at the Gamble home.

The Misses Ross of Lathom, were among the dancers at the Countess hall last Friday evening.

BOWLING

Len Standen, Gem merchant, bowled an 83 at Foster's bowling alleys last Saturday for the highest score of the week in Canadian five pins. The previous week Gordon Jones of Makepeace, made the highest count with a 76.

Mr. Foster gives a prize of \$1.50 worth of merchandise to the highest scorer every week.

Interest in bowling has picked up since the warm weather commenced a few weeks ago and spoiled skating and curling.

The ladies started bowling again last Monday night.

FISTS FLY IN ARGUMENT

A. F. Connolly and H. I. Johnson came to blows on the main street last Monday afternoon during an altercation concerning the pruning of some trees which Mr. Johnson claimed were interfering with the telephone wires. Hot words were followed by blows. The quarrel between the two men has now been smoothed over.

McDonald Buys Business in town of High River

Takes Over Meat Market From R. J. Merriam First of March—Family Will Move After School

H. F. McDonald has purchased a meat market business in High River from R. J. Merriam, and will take charge the first of March.

Mr. McDonald sold his bassano business last October to J. Hesketh, of Arrowwood, and since then he has been looking about for a new location. His deal with Mr. Merriam was put thru a couple of weeks ago.

The McDonalds came here from Strathmore in January, 1923.

High River is located about 40 miles south of Calgary in a rich farming and ranching district. The town has a population of about 1500; has water and sewer system, electric power, and natural gas.

Mrs. McDonald, Jim, and Mary will remain in Bassano until the end of the school term. Jim, who is in grade 12, is anxious to complete his high school training here.

Mr. Merriam is an old timer of High River, and plans to remain there to look after his ranching and farming interests in the district.

SHIPS TWO CARLOADS HORSES

Two carloads of horses were shipped to Ponoka, Alta., last Friday by Geo. Beal, horse dealer of that district. Mr. Beal was in Bassano for a few days last week buying animals for the spring horse trade. He paid from \$40 to \$75.00 a-head.

Hay and Oats Being Shipped in from Northern Points at Less Than Local Prices

Oats, baled hay, and baled green feed is being shipped in from Olds, Vegreville, and other northern points to Makepeace and Crowfoot farmers who have applied for fodder relief from the provincial government.

Sergt. J. N. Cawsey and Const. Fenn of the R.C.M.P. are in charge of this relief matter. The police have received fifty applications for fodder relief, most of them from Crowfoot and Makepeace, and some from Hussar district.

The feed is shipped in freight free and is costing 26 cents a bushel for oats and \$7.00 a ton for baled hay. These prices, it is stated, are lower than the price asked for feed in this district. The feed relief is in the nature of a loan, the government taking a lien on the 1934 crop. The lien is a first charge against the crop.

In these same districts about 35 families are receiving household relief this winter.

E. P. Currie Joins Audit Staff North Star Oil Company

E. P. Currie started out on his new job with the North Star Oil Co. yesterday. Mr. Currie was appointed company auditor for a large district in southern Alberta. His work takes him to every North Star agent in the area west to Banff, east to Brooks, north to Hussar, and south to Vulcan. He checks up on agents' accounts, smooths out difficulties, and finds new agents where needed.

The nature of Mr. Currie's new job will keep him away from home most of the time, but he expects to spend his week-ends in Bassano.

Mr. Currie retains his interests in the firm of Currie & Milroy, Ltd., with stores in Bassano and Hussar. Mr. Milroy will be in full charge of the Bassano store.

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Draft Plans For Grasshopper War

Tillage Practice to be Recommended to Farmers—Arrangements for Poison Supplies Discussed by Dominion and Provincial Authorities

Extensive plans to combat possible outbreak of a grasshopper plague in Alberta were laid Friday last at a meeting of field men of the Dominion entomological branch and the provincial field crops branch in Calgary.

Discussion was led by H. L. Seaman, Lethbridge, Dominion entomologist, and E. L. Gray, provincial field crops commissioner. Discussion centered around tillage practice which will be recommended to farmers for grasshopper control without increasing possible loss from cutworms, wheat stem sawfly and wireworms.

Plans were discussed for stocking bait supplies and organizing mixing stations. The two departments will be in touch with all municipal organizations in the grasshopper infested area within the next two months to start local organization.

The departments recommend only the seeding of summerfallow lands in the areas of most severe infestation and the cultivation of summerfallow fields from the outside towards the centre, in order to concentrate grasshoppers into small areas where they may be poisoned easily.

Reports of grasshoppers hatching out in the present warm spell are unfounded or are based on injurious species that hatched last fall, Mr. Seaman stated.

The area of general infestation extends from Provost to Alliance, south of the international boundary. Much of this area is only lightly infested. The two areas of most severe infestation centre on Drumheller, and north-west of Lethbridge.

"Alberta is exceedingly fortunate compared with the northern States of Saskatchewan," stated Mr. Gray. "A recent circular reveals that in the eight northern states, 14 million acres of crop land are so heavily infested with grasshopper eggs that they not only endanger the entire crop production of these states, but threaten crops in neighboring states and provinces. In Saskatchewan the infestation spreads over approximately 20 million acres of land, which, of course, is not all crop land."

"Our situation is not any worse than last year. Infestation may affect more districts but the density has decreased. The Alberta campaign in the past three years have been most effective."

"The Alberta situation is not hopeless by any means, and given average weather conditions, average rapidity and strength of crop growth, full co-operation as in the past from farmers and municipal

HUSSAR NEWS

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March 23. An excellent cast has been selected, and this should prove a most entertaining, especially as a dance will follow the play.

Rev. A. R. Aldridge, who was in the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary a week ago as the result of falling down on the ice, is a work again, and will preach in Hussar on Feb. 25.

After the regular meeting of Hussar Lodge, A.F. and A.M., on Monday evening, the families gathered for a "Casino." Bets and stakes ran high. Mrs. L. M. Clark and Maurice Severns were the lucky players. Hot dogs and doughnuts were served "lunch counter" style.

The next Ladies' Aid meeting will be on the second Thursday of March at the home of Mrs. J. Hooght. All ladies are cordially urged to be present. Mrs. Hooght left on Monday to spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. Schaefer, in Tudor.

The next W. I. meeting will be held on Feb. 22 at the home of Mrs. H. E. Rollason, and all ladies are cordially invited to attend. The special feature is a talk and demonstration on "Bed Making in the Sick Room," by Mrs. T. Burdett. Roll call, poems of motherhood.

T. Lawson, W. A. Trency and H. Gray returned from Calgary on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Snyder and son Miles returned Thursday from their trip to Camanagay.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Munter and daughters, of Bassano, visited Mrs. Dundas on Tuesday.

H. A. Trency and C. T. Armstrong returned on Saturday from Calgary.

Scoutmaster C. A. Weekes of Hussar, paid a short visit to the first Chay troop on Friday, Feb. 9. Splendid progress is being made by Scoutmaster W. R. McLean with his newly organized group. Eleven boys were on parade. The evening's program included a start in second class signalling, troop band signals, a new game, and an Indian legend. A visit by the whole Hussar troop is being planned for some time in the near future.

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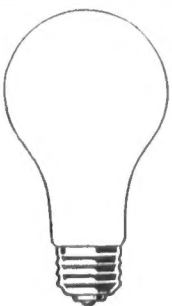
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The Week at Ottawa

(by Dr. F. W. Gershaw, M. P.)
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The weather in Ottawa is extremely cold and the police officers outside of the building, although in fur caps and buffalo coats, are suffering severely.

The galleries are usually well filled. Mrs. Roosevelt, mother of the U. S. president, was an interested visitor this week. She walked quietly around the building and remarked that her son enjoyed being president of the great republic.

On the floor of the House members may write or read or whisper in groups but those in the gallery must not talk or have a printed page before them. Members may read in their seats, but if any visitor sleeps an officer comes along and nudges him. Members may or may not wear hats in the House, but ladies in the gallery must wear hats and must not knit or do any kind of fancy work.

There is not much progress being made in coming to grips with the big problems of the day. The Wheat Agreement was up for discussion this week. The four great exporting nations, Canada, Australia, Argentina and the U.S.A., have agreed to limit their exports to 550 million bushels for this next year. Canada's allowed a quota of 200 million bushels. During the past 10 years the exports of Canada have been as follows:

1924, 214 million bushels, 1925, 222 million, 1926, 50 million, 1927, 255 million, 1928, 366 million, 1929, 210 million, 1930, 207 million, 1931, 194 million, 1932, 228 million, 1933, 191 million.

The importing nations agreed not to encourage the growing of more wheat in their own countries. We must assume that they are doing this.

A paper was passed around the House which had been distributed all over France. It urged people to use more wheat and pointed to the fact that farmers would be punished if they broke up more land for growing more wheat. The Government is to a degree pledged to start a program of public works and to issue money to pay for them without borrowing it or paying interest on it. At present there is about 70 million dollars worth of gold in the treasury and against this \$184,000,000 of currency is issued. This means a coverage of about 28 per cent. Now Mr. Bennett has stated that a coverage of 25 per cent was all that was necessary to maintain confidence. At this rate about \$100,000,000 more bills could be issued. Some 24 per cent of business is done by cheques. This new currency would find its way into the banks and act as a basis for more credit. Also gold has gone up from \$22 to \$34 an ounce. So based on this new valuation still more government notes could be issued. This may be left to the Central Bank, but issuing this additional money should increase farm product prices.

DUCHESS NEWS

DUCHESS, Feb. 14—Messrs. Halley Ferguson and Dowling attended the school trustees' convention in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruth are the parents of a baby girl, born in the Bassano Hospital Feb. 11.

A farewell party is being given the Noble and C. G. Sisson families, on Feb. 14 in the U.F.A. Hall. They are leaving soon for their new homes near Olds and Innisfail.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wenger on Feb. 9.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Stanton in the Bassano Hospital Feb. 10.

Mrs. Endersby, who was operated on for goitre in the Medicine Hat Hospital is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Jess Ford, who is a patient in the Medicine Hat Hospital, is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams were callers in town Wednesday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in our bereavement, and for their beautiful floral tributes.

Chas. A. Keeling and Family,
Gem, Alta.

BROOMBALL GAME

Bassano and Countess broomball teams battled to a 1-1 draw last Sunday on the lake near the Ferguson home, Countess. The same teams played a 1-1 tie in hockey following the broomball game. The ice was covered with pools of water, and the players got rather wet. Cathro scored in the broomball game and Ford counted in hockey. The Bassano team was made up of A. Cathro, J. McDonald, R. Zelenski, A. Ingeberg, D. Smith, D. Ubertino, R. Ubertino, D. Ford, McKernan.



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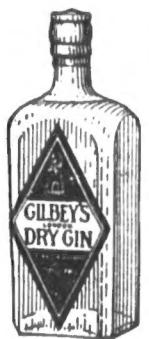
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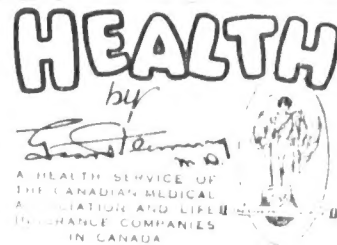
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Many people who quite agree that fresh air is desirable are afraid to ventilate their rooms because they fear a draught. There is only one kind of draught that is dangerous, and that is the one which strikes and chills one part of the body.

You do not suffer ill effects from a breeze out of doors, and you will not suffer from one indoors, excepting, as we said, when it strikes one part of the body and chills that part.

Cold draughts along the floor should be avoided. When the feet are chilled by a draught along the floor, and the head is warm, the resistance is lowered and a common cold frequently occurs.

None of these undesirable draughts is necessary in the ventilation of a room. The window in winter is raised sufficiently to allow a move-

ment of air in the room. Such a movement of air is hardly perceptible and is not at all chilling to the body.

Ventilation demands the use of a little common sense in making the size of the opening of the window according to the temperature and direction of the wind.

Never fear draughts; just remember not to allow a breeze or current of air to chill one part of your body while the remainder is warm. Fresh air or cold air do not cause colds. Colds usually follow living in overheated, stuffy places, and the chilling of the body in one part, especially the feet, when the rest is warm.

Keep the feet dry. Damp or wet shoes result in chilled feet, and chilled feet pre-dispose to colds.

Questions concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College St., Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

AUCTION SALES

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Auctioneer - Duchess
The following auction sales are
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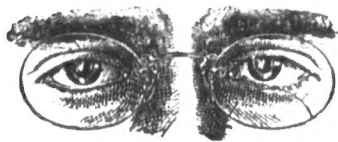
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NINTH INSTALMENT
Simon Judd, amateur detective and William Dart, an undertaker, are visiting John Drane, eccentric man of wealth. Next morning the household is shocked to find that John Drane has been murdered. The dead man is first seen by Josie the maid, and then by Amy Drane and Simon Judd. The latter faints. Police officers call and investigations begin. Dr. Blessington is called, and after seeing the murdered John Drane, makes the astounding revelation to Amy Drane that her "uncle" is not a man but a woman. Dr. Blessington discounts the theory of suicide, saying that Drane was murdered. Dr. Blessington comments on the fact that all the servants of the household are sick. Dick Brennan, the detective, arrives to investigate the case. He questions the members of the household, and enquires of Amy about her "uncle" and also about Dart, his friend.

Now go on with the story.
"Mr. Drane just did not seem to want you to bother with the servants and the household affairs and so on; that was it, wasn't it?" asked Brennan.

"Yes, he never said much but that was what I felt," she replied.
"I'm trying not to be unpleasant, asking so many questions," Brennan said, "but this whole thing is queerish, as you understand—John Drane being a woman and being murdered this way—and I have to get into my head the best picture of the household as it was, the best picture I can. How was your uncle about money?"

Amy wrinkled her brow, trying to get the meaning of the question.
"Do you mean with me?" she asked.
"He paid me an allowance, always on the first of the month. It was fifty dollars while I was at school, but when I came here he gave me \$100 a month. I haven't used nearly all of it. I asked him what I should do with the rest and he told me I could put it in a savings bank, and I did. The house expenses he settled with Mrs. Vincent once a month, I think I've heard them going over the bills. He seemed particular about them."

"He was a woman," suggested Brennan, "and household bills were in his line, possibly. Did he keep much money in the house? Had he a safe here? Did he bring securities home, do you know?"

"No, nothing like that. He used checks almost always."

"No jewelry to amount to anything?"

"He never wore jewelry at all, not even a ring."

"There was a scar pin," Brennan reminded her.

"Yes; that was all the jewelry he had," Amy said.

"I thought, perhaps, as he was a woman," Brennan explained, "he might have a woman's usual liking for jewels. Suppose we see Mrs. Vincent."

Bob Carter volunteered to find Mrs. Vincent and while he was on his way Brennan lighted a cigarette. He leaned forward with his elbows on his knees and looked out over the lawn.

"You come pretty near being a first class detective, don't you?" Simon Judd asked, hitching forward in his chair he filled to overflowing.

"I'm not the worst in the world," admitted Brennan. "There are better. We've some fine men over in

New York. Our men are a lot better than we're given credit for being. We have lots of crimes and we don't get every crook, but it's a bad mess over there. I do well enough. It's not as bad here as it is in Manhattan."

"That's so; that's likely," Simon Judd agreed. "And we ain't got it near as bad out to Riverbank. If you was out there you wouldn't have much trouble at all, I reckon." "There are tough problems every where," Brennan said. "Any place may turn out a hard problem at any time."

"That's how I think about it," Simon Judd said. "That's why I kept pesterin' them out there until they said they'd make me chief of police. 'Black my cats!' I says to them; 'The ain't no tellin' when you're goin' to need first class detective ability.' I guess," he chuckled, "they don't think overly much of me at that! Think I'm some sort of fat old fool, mostly. And I don't know but what I am. The 'ain't no fool like an old fool, is the? What you think? Am I a fool to go takin' up detectin' as a life work when I'm along past 70 years old?"

"I'll reserve my opinion on that," Mr. Judd, Brennan smiled. "I can't remember any man who took up investigative work at that age, but I've known some men who took up crime as old as that and did quite well at it."

"A detective has to be shicker than a criminal, that's the best of it," Simon Judd said. "And it's so blame hard for them folks to take a fat man serious out there to home. Especially a man that's mostly clung to jobs where he could sleep most of the time, like livery stablin' I clung to livery stablin' as long as I could, and that's a fact, but these here automobiles has given the business a black eye, and if a man goes into the garage business he's got to be lively and wide awake all the time. Now a detective in a town like Riverbank Iowa."

"Can sleep most of the time," laughed Brennan.

"That's the idea!" Simon Judd chuckled. "Particular if he's not on the force. If he's just a policeman he's got to be out and around, but if he's chief of police and detective he's got to spend quite a lot of time in meditation, sittin' in his office in a chair tipped back against the wall with his eyes closed. Looked like a good job to me, so I got shut of my livery stable and pestered the life out of 'em until I got me this job startin' January first next."

"Good job," smiled Brennan.

"Yes, or I wouldn't have wanted

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VENOS, Lightning Cough Syrup, reg. 50c bottle special 40c
LISTERINE or COLGATES TOOTH PASTE, reg. 30c, special 25c
SHAVING CREAM, Palmolive or Davis & Lawrence, reg. 30c for 25c
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"But the main thing when a man hammers down a job like this is to be able to hang onto it, and that's why I figured I'd come east here and learn the detective business from A to Z. I says to myself 'If I can get them sick New York detectives to let me help hunt up some murderer or something, I'll learn a lot, and when I come back and catch a couple of crooks right here in Riverbank the folks ain't ever goin' to let nobody throw me out'."

Brennan looked up at the old man's face suddenly, but all he saw was good nature and smiling cheerfulness.

"This murder occurred very opportunely," Brennan said.

"That's what I was goin' to say," Simon Judd replied. "Just like it was made to order for me. It could not have been handier. So that fetches me to what I'm goin' to say—what'd you say if I was to go sort of partners with you and the two of us together hunt out who done this crime?"

"We're always glad to have any assistance we can from any source whatever," Brennan told Judd.

"Yes, I reckon," said the fat man. "Only that ain't my idee. I want you should say we'll work at this case together, so's I can get the inside of how you tellers go at it. What say to it?"

Once more Brennan looked Simon Judd in the face. What he sought was the eye of an insane man—the eye of a man who might have come to this house and murdered John Drane to make a case worth solving. Or, perhaps, the eye of a man who had held a grudge against John Drane and had come here to satisfy it. What he saw, if he could judge, was the keen eye of a man who was not such a fool as he looked, the

keen laughing eye of a man who, possibly, was laughing at the detective good naturedly while laughing at himself. "This," Brennan said to himself, "is a man who is laughing at me because he knows something I don't know."
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Rexoleum Rugs

A handy scatter rug, 18 x 36; 25c each

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New spring shades in Canada's finest Silk Hose; semi-service; 85c a pair

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DOLLAR SODA BISCUITS per box 39c

SALMON, 1 lb. tin sockeye 30c

JUNKET TABLETS, per pkg. 15c

DRANO (to clear the sink drain) per tin 35c

SOAP FLAKES, Princess, 3 lbs. for 50c

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LOCAL NOTES

J. Newman, C.P.R. ditchrider, and Mrs. Newman left on Wednesday for a short vacation in British Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maurer and daughters drove to Hussar Tuesday and visited with Mrs. Maurer's mother, Mrs. Durdas.

The high school students will hold their banquet and dance in the Masonic Community Hall Friday night this week.

A St. Patrick's dance will be given Friday, March 16, by the Ladies' Altar Society of the R. C. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Connor are leaving some time next month for the Pigeon Lake district, central Alberta. They bought a farm there last fall, and will move to their new home in time to commence spring farm operations.

Clarence Brody left last Friday to attend the conference of the Alberta Dairymen's Association in Edmonton. Since his surgical operation a few weeks ago Clarence has been unable to resume his work in the local creamery. In the meantime A. Jacobsen is filling the gap.

A. Macadam and Mr. Archibald of Brooks, were business callers in Bassano last Monday.

Mrs. W. Seymour of Claresholm, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Bert Downs.

Bassano was well represented at the dance in Countess last Friday evening by a crowd of young people who report a splendid time. The Harris orchestra played the music. Countess people recently built a kitchen on their hall, making more room on the dance floor.

Mrs. T. Stratton, who has been visiting in Bassano with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moorhead, since the middle of December, left last Thursday night for her home in Mayerthorpe, northwest of Edmonton.

A. McKee went to Edmonton Sunday as Bassano delegate to the retail merchants' conference in the capitol city this week. The conference is being held to discuss the serious financial situation faced by Alberta merchants today.

E. P. Currie left last Friday on a business trip to Chilliwack, B. C., and returned Monday evening.

M. A. Haynes is making ambitious plans for the first real rock garden in Bassano. He now has about 200 varieties of rock garden flowers growing in little boxes, and will set out the plants this spring. These plants are from seed imported from one of England's famous seed houses.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Maguire of Gem, who are living in Calgary this winter, were in Bassano last Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jessie Keeling. Mr. and Mrs. Maguire expect to return to Gem early in March.

The 50 lb. dumbbell in Roy Smith's garage is attracting a great deal of interest among men who are proud of their physical prowess. Jack Fraser, from the dam, can hoist it fifteen times with either arm. Const. Fenn, the new R.C.M.P. officer, put it up 15 times, and when somebody told him Ralph Burrows raised it 25 times, the constable went right back and duplicated Ralph's feat.

The Girls' Mission Band had a well attended tea and sale in Knox Church basement last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Cope and daughter, of Olds, have been guests of Mrs. S. H. Edwards for the past week. They left this morning for their home.

BIRTHS

The following births have been recorded at the Bassano Hospital.

A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Stanton, Duchess, on Saturday, Feb. 10.

A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruth, Duchess, Sunday Feb. 11.

A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hiebert, Gem, Monday, Feb. 12.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. John Hart, Minister
Sunday School at 11 a.m.

Evening Service at 7:30; Rev. H. R. Horne, L.L.B., Regina, will be the guest speaker on February 18th. Everybody welcome.

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SPAGHETTI, Heinz in tomato sauce with cheese 2 tins 33c

CANNED SALMON, Sunflower brand, fancy pink, tall tins 3 for 41c

SARDINES, Brunswick brand 4 tins 23c

CHICKEN HADDIE, Brunswick brand 2 tins 31c

CANNED PUMPKIN, choice quality, large tins, 2 for 29c

CANNED PEACHES, Quaker brand, heavy syrup, 2 1/2 lb tin 29c

CHEESE, Kraft's grated in handy shaker per tin 25c

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